

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 238

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Pigeon Forge High School wrestling team on winning the 2019 TSSAA Class A-AA dual and traditional state championships.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to our exemplary sports teams and athletes who have attained the pinnacle of competition, bringing great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Pigeon Forge High School wrestling team achieved a rare feat this year when the Tigers claimed state championships in both the dual and traditional divisions; and

WHEREAS, a four-time state champion in both dual and traditional championships, Pigeon Forge previously won the state dual championship in 2014, 2015, and 2017 and earned state traditional titles in 2015, 2016, and 2017, accumulating eight state titles in five years; and

WHEREAS, during the Tigers' tremendous 2018-2019 season they claimed the 2018 Abingdon Holiday Hammer (Abingdon, Virginia) Team Championship, the 2019 Oslee B Saunooke (Cherokee, North Carolina) Team Championship, the 2019 Regional Dual Championship, and the 2019 Region 1A-AA Traditional Championship, while having twelve wrestlers individually qualify at the state level; and

WHEREAS, Pigeon Forge enjoyed the superb performances of seven individual medalists, including two individual state champions, Colby Dalon in the 145-pound division and Andrew Baiamonte in the 152-pound division; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers' Josh Parton took second place in the 120-pound division; Colton Poole finished third in the 113-pound division; Garrett Foreman claimed third in the 132-pound division; C.J. Dyer captured third in the 138-pound division; and Jacob McCarter secured fourth place in the 195-pound division; and

WHEREAS, to win one state title is remarkable, but to win two during one season is stupendous, and these outstanding young men should be recognized for their accomplishments on the wrestling mat; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Pigeon Forge High School wrestling team on winning the 2019 TSSAA Class A-AA dual and traditional state championships and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.